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"(*d*) By 'regular Officer' the hon. Member apparently means an Officer who has not attained the age of superannuation. The suggestion has been considered carefully, but the Government think that the present arrangement is quite satisfactory."

Listed posts reserved for the members of the Provincial Service.

* 28 *Q.*—Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Premier be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether, in the number of listed posts reserved for the members of Madras Service, posts of District Judges were also included;

(*b*) whether, in the new set-up, such reservation is maintained;

(*c*) if the answer to (*b*) is in the affirmative, what the number of listed posts is and how many are reserved for the members of the Judicial Service; and

(*d*) if the answer to (*b*) is in the negative, whether it is proposed to treat the Madras Judicial Service as distinct from the Indian Administrative Service?

The Hon. Sri K. MADHAVA MENON (on behalf of Hon. the Premier) :—" (*a*) In the I.C.S. 12 listed posts were reserved for members of the Madras Subordinate Civil Judicial Services or members of the Bar.

"(*b*) No. The Indian Administrative Service which has taken the place of the I.C.S. is confined only to the executive side.

"(*c*) Does not arise.

"(*d*) Yes."

Lease of Hope Timber Syndicate.

* 29 *Q.*—Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state with reference to the answers given on 8th March 1949 to the Question No. 237 and the supplementary questions whether the Government have examined the terms of the lease of Hope Timber Syndicate, with a view to terminate it, in view of the loss to public revenues?

The Hon. Sri N. SANJEEVA REDDI :—" Since answering the question referred to by the hon'ble Member the rates payable by the Hope Timber Syndicate for the timber extracted by it have been revised, and fixed with reference to the prevailing market rates. The question of terminating the contract with a view to avert loss of public revenue, therefore, does not arise."

Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know whether the revised rates have been accepted by the Syndicate? "

The Hon. Sri N. SANJEEVA REDDI :—" They have been accepted under protest."